



## North St. Paul Police: Crime Prevention

### Missing Children

No one ever wants to experience a child missing but unfortunately it does happen. It is important to stay calm and contact law enforcement. In the event your child goes missing:

- Yell your child's name loudly. This will alert your child you are looking for them. Others who are nearby will also be alerted and look for your child.
- Check the area you last observed your child in. Look for any hiding spots the child may have wandered into.
- Call upon neighbors and relatives for assistance in looking for your child.
- Talk to your child's friends and their parents. They may have information about their whereabouts.
- Ask neighbors or anyone in the neighborhood if they have seen your child. i.e. mail person, delivery person, people walking on street, anyone outside.
- If your child has not returned home from school, contact the school to see if your child was at school. Determine if there were any issues at school that day.
- If your child rides the school bus, call the bus garage to see if your child was on the bus and when and where they got off the bus.
- Have someone your child knows at your house in case they call or come back home.
- If the child went missing in a store, contact store management immediately.
- If you do not locate your child in a short amount of time call 911. Remain at home or the location you called the police from until they arrive. Be ready to give a detailed description of your child to police. Have a recent picture readily available for officers. Give details as to where and when the child was last seen.
- Be descriptive! Glasses, scars, markings or unique characteristics are very helpful.
- If you find your child after notifying police, call 911 to notify them the child has been found!